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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Sawan et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/392,842 GROUP NO.: 1616

FILING DATE: September 9, 1999 EXAMINER: Not yet assigned

TITLE: Topical Dermal Antimicrobial Compositions, Methods for Generating Same, and Monitoring Methods Utilizing Same

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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 - the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
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 - Applicant hereby Petitions the Commissioner to accept and consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement, **AND**
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It is respectfully requested that each of the references shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

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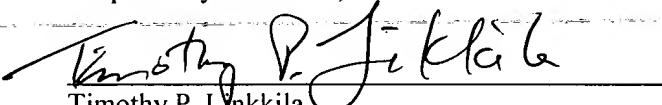
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Submitted herewith is/are:

Certificate of First Class Mailing (1 pg.); Transmittal Form (1 pg.); Form PTO-1449 (4 pgs) with U.S. Patent documents AA-AY, Foreign Patent documents BA-BV, and Journal Articles CA-CD attached; Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.); and postcard.